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TAGS: EFIS, EEC, PLOS

SUBJECT: U.S. FISHERY OFF FRENCH GUIANA

REF: EC BRUSSELS 2681

1. DEPARTMENT WISHES TO THANK GALLAGHER FOR HIS COMMENTS,

INFORMATION AND ADVICE WITH RESPECT TO EC APPROACH TO U.S. FISHERY OFF FRENCH GUIANA. DEPT. IS CONCERNED, HOWEVER, ABOUT GALLAGHER STATEMENTS REGARDING QUOTAS IN THE ABSENCE OF A SURPLUS. WE ARE UNAWARE OF ANY SCIENTIFIC EVIDENCE THAT CURRENT TRADITIONAL U.S. FISHERY OFF FRENCH GUIANA IS DEPLETING THE SHRIMP RESOURCE OR ANY EVIDENCE THAT FISHING EFFORT OF THE FRENCH GUIANESE IS BEING INCREASED. WE CAN SEE NO REAL POSSIBILITY LOCAL FISHERMEN IN FRENCH GUIANA CAN HARVEST COMPLETE OPTIMUM YIELD OF SHRIMP OFF FRENCH GUIANA. DEPT. IS UNABLE TO DISTINGUISH U.S. POSITION OFF FRENCH GUIANA FROM EC POSITION OFF U.S. COAST IN REGARD TO NECESSITY OF SCIENTIFIC EVIDENCE FOR DETERMINING EXISTENCE OF SURPLUS.

2. THE GUIANAS-BRAZIL SHRIMP FISHERY IS, FOR SCIENTIFIC PURPOSES AND IN TERMS OF ACTUAL FISHING, ONE FISHERY. SHRIMP AVAILABILITY AT ANY TIME VARIES WIDELY AND SOMEWHAT UNPREDICTABLY BETWEEN THE ZONES OF THE VARIOUS COUNTRIES

INVOLVED, DUE TO THE MIGRATORY NATURE OF THE SHRIMP. FISHERMEN OFTEN CATCH PART OF A BOATLOAD OF SHRIMP IN THE WATERS OFF ONE COUNTRY AND THEN MOVE TO THE WATERS OFF ANOTHER COUNTRY TO CATCH THE REST OF THEIR LOAD. U.S. SCIENTISTS HAVE BEEN STUDYING SHRIMP RESOURCES IN THIS AREA FOR SOME TIME AND SEE NO EVIDENCE OF NEED TO RESTRICT FISHING AT THIS TIME. DEPT. BELIEVES EC MUST HAVE SOME REASONABLE SCIENTIFIC BASIS FOR FINDING OF NON-SURPLUS.

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3. MISSION IS CORRECT THAT EC REQUIREMENT THAT ALL U.S. VESSELS FISHING OFF FRENCH GUIANA LAND SHRIMP IN FRENCH GUIANA WOULD POSE MAJOR PROBLEM FOR U.S., PRECISELY FOR REASONS NOTED BY DCM PARA 6 REFTEL. ADDITIONAL LEGAL PROBLEM COULD RESULT FROM FACT THAT SUCH A REQUIREMENT WOULD APPEAR TO BE UNRELATED TO FISHERIES CONSERVATION AND TO BE MORE ONEROUS THAN CONDITIONS U.S. IS APPLYING. WHILE LANDINGS IN FRENCH GUIANA MAY OFTEN EQUAL THE U.S. CATCH OFF THE FRENCH GUIANA COAST, MUCH SHRIMP TAKEN OFF FRENCH GUIANA IS LANDED IN OTHER COUNTRIES AND REVERSE ALSO IS TRUE. CONSIDERING THE NATURE OF FISHERY, PRESENT LEVEL OF LANDINGS IN FRENCH GUIANA, AND RATHER LIMITED PORT FACILITIES THERE, WE ARE UNABLE TO SEE WHAT REAL BENEFIT WOULD ACCRUE TO FRENCH GUIANA FROM LANDING REGULATION NOW BEING CONSIDERED.

4. COMMENT: DEPT. REQUESTS MISSION CONVEY OUR VIEWS RE: LANDING REQUIREMENT USING ARGUMENTS ABOVE, ALONG WITH ARGUMENTS ALREADY MADE REFTEL, AND INQUIRE AS TO WHAT

SCIENTIFIC DATA, IF ANY, THE EC HAS ON EXTENT AND NATURE
OF GUIANA'S SHRIMP FISHERY. HOW ARE PROPOSALS OUTLINED
REFTEL 2000 TON QUOTA, ETC., DERIVED FROM THAT DATA?
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